

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 59-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND APPOINTING LT. COL. PABLO MITCHELL AS CHIEF OF POLICE

Introduced By: Jonathon Kennedy, II, Council President

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33-18 of the Charter of the Town of Forest Heights (the "Charter") the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, shall appoint the heads of all offices, departments, and agencies of the Town government as established by the Charter or by ordinance and all office, department, and agency heads shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council, and all subordinate officers and employees of the offices, departments, and agencies of the Town government shall be appointed and removed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council, in accordance with rules and regulations of any merit system which may be adopted by the Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 23.1 of the Town Ordinance Code, the appointment of the Chief of Police shall be approved by ordinance or resolution, and the Chief of Police shall assist the Mayor in the establishment and maintenance of a Police Department and furthermore the power to manage and operate the Town's Police Department shall be vested in the Chief of Police, subject to approval and oversight by the Mayor and Council, and it shall be the function of the Forest Heights Police Department to enforce the laws of the Town and, when appropriate and lawful, the Laws of Prince George's County and the State of Maryland, and the Chief of Police shall ensure that the police department adequately and competently fulfills its function; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33-66 of the Charter, all department heads shall be recommended by the Town Administrator for appointment by the Mayor with approval of the Council and whereby the Town Administrator has recommended Lt. Colonel Pablo Mitchell to be appointed as Chief of Police of the Town of Forest Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that Lt. Col. Mitchell has the requisite experience, education and knowledge to serve as Chief of Police and it is in the best interest of the Town to employ and thereby appoint Mr. Mitchell as Chief of Police.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and enacted that the Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Lt. Colonel Pablo Michell as Chief of Police of the Forest Heights Police Department at his current salary until the end of the calendar year and at the rank of Colonel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 7th day of August, 2017.

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APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>NAY</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>yes</u>
MCLAURIN	<u>yes</u>
BARNES	<u>NAY</u>
HINES	<u>yes</u>
SMITH-BARNES	<u>NAY</u>
BROWNSON	<u>yes</u>

ATTEST:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: _____
Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: _____
Jonathon Kennedy, II, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 7th day of August 2017 with 4 Aye votes and 3 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 59-17 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk